

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

702 KAR 7:140, School Calendar

Applicable Statutes or Regulations

KRS 158.060, 158.070

History/Background:

Existing Policy. Local boards of education are required to adopt a school calendar for the upcoming school year prior to May 15 of each year. Local boards of education must submit each adopted school calendar to the Kentucky Department of Education no later than June 30 of each year. The school calendar establishes opening and closing days of school, instructional days, holidays, and professional development days, and states the amount of instructional time offered each day. Local boards of education may amend the school calendar. Amended school calendars are due to the Kentucky Department of Education no later than June 30 of each year.

School calendars must be submitted electronically. The calendar file is created through the Student Information System "SIS" and must be attached to an e-mail and sent to the "KDE Data Reports" or Data.Reports@education.ky.gov with a subject line which includes the word "calendar" and the district number.

702 KAR 7:140 is a new regulation; however, the language came out of 702 KAR 7:125, Pupil attendance. The school calendar requirements will be easier for the public and school districts to find and use if separated into another regulation.

There are no proposed changes to the language formerly found in the pupil attendance regulation that is now the contents of the school calendar regulation.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Promulgation of 702 KAR 7:140 should result in clearer guidance to local districts in the area of school calendars. This should support our efforts to reach proficiency by 2014 by making this process more efficient.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary:

The proposed changes have been presented to the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel (KDPP) Board of Directors. The KDPP board is supportive of the creation of a regulation that is specific to the requirements of the school calendar.

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council will also review the proposed changes and their comments will be presented at the meeting via letter from the chair.

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